

Monday Night Discipleship: Week 20

Overview:

1. Resources: What are some resources that will help me interpret the Bible? (Part 2)
2. Longman Chapter 21 discussion:
 - a. Content: What Is Jeremiah About?
 - b. Authorship and Date: Who Wrote Jeremiah and When?
 - c. Genre: What Style of Literature Is Jeremiah?
 - d. Connections: How Does Jeremiah Connect to the Gospel?

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When using these helpful tools we must remember that:

- 1) Scripture is of _____ importance;
- 2) _____ is necessary regarding what resources we consult.

Recommended sources by their various categories:

1. Commentaries-
 - a. What is a Commentary? - A Bible commentary is a resource that explains the _____ in the Bible typically in a verse by verse or stanza by stanza format.
 - b. Different types:
 - i. Sermonic/Expositional Commentaries- These commentaries are often compilations of printed _____ transcripts that often come from one author. [The Christ-Centered Exposition Series](#), the [Preaching the Word Series](#), and the [Bible Speaks Today Series](#) are great examples.
 - ii. Homiletical Commentaries- these commentaries help by giving teachers and preachers _____ of detailed scholarship that prepare their sermons/lessons without including the fine details. The [Teach the Text Commentary Series](#) would be a great example of a homiletical commentary.
 - iii. Applicational Commentaries- these commentaries intend to offer help for teachers and pastors to _____ the bible text with their modern audiences. The [NIV Application Commentary](#) series is a popular example.

- iv. Exegetical Commentaries- these commentaries provide a more exhaustive _____ analysis of the Bible. The [Baker Exegetical Commentary](#) on the New Testament, and [Zondervan Exegetical Commentary](#) on the Old and New Testament series, and the [Word Biblical Commentary Series](#) are wonderful exegetical commentaries.
- v. Hybrid Commentaries- these commentaries provide a _____ ground between expositional and exegetical commentaries. The [New International Commentary](#) on the Old and New Testament series, and the [New American Commentary series](#) on the Old and New Testament are examples of this hybrid approach.

c. Positives:

d. Practical Recommendations:

- i. Create a “mean and lean” theological library-
- ii. Consider owning a digital commentary set-
- iii. Be patient and frugal- Consider some guidebooks that will help you in your commentary selections: [Tremper Longman’s Old Testament Commentary Survey](#) and [D. A. Carson’s New Testament Commentary Survey](#) offer great recommendations on which commentaries are most helpful for each book of the Bible.

2. Bible Software Programs:

- a. What are Bible Software Programs? Bible software programs help readers study the Bible through _____ libraries.

b. Positives:

- c. Recommendations: For those who are able to purchase a Bible software program, a personal favorite of mine is [Logos Bible software](#). If you are unable to purchase a Bible software program, [E-sword](#) is a free download that could prove helpful in studying different English translations and some commentaries.
3. Websites: Below are some websites that are helpful for their Biblical and theological content.
- a. Dangers:
- i. Plagiarism-
 - ii. Superficial Reading-
 - iii. Repeating mistakes and misunderstandings-
- b. Plummer offers these websites¹:
- i. www.biblegateway.com to look up verses and compare Bible translations
 - ii. www.bible.org for a variety of biblical and theological resources
 - iii. www.desiringgod.org John Piper's ministry Website, with a variety of resources available.
 - iv. www.fpcjackson.org for accessing hundreds of Ligon Duncan's sermon manuscripts
 - v. www.monergism.com for resources from a Calvinistic perspective
 - vi. www.theopedia.com Wikipedia (online encyclopedia) for theology
 - vii. www.watchman.org an anticults Website
 - viii. www.truthfornet apologetics Website run by the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

¹ Plummer, Robert, Benjamin L. Merkle, *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2010), 122-123.

- ix. www.ntgateway.com a “scholarly index” for Websites related to the New Testament
 - x. www.greekbible.com for accessing the Greek New Testament with vocabulary and parsing helps
 - xi. www.biblicalfoundations.org helpful biblical reflections by New Testament scholar Andreas Kostenberger
4. Advanced Study: For those who wish to grow in Biblical interpretation, it would be also helpful to study other areas within Biblical education. If you are interested, but are not at the stage in your life where you could be a seminary student, I would highly recommend my alma mater's online certificate program: <https://cert.sebts.edu/cert-biblical-studies>. You could take the seven basic courses at your own pace and complete this certificate for only \$679.

Longman Chapter 21 discussion:

- 1. Content: What Is Jeremiah About?
 - a. Introduction:
 - i. Longest Prophetic Book-
 - ii. Longest Prophetic Ministry-
 - iii. God’s judgment on Judah is announced -
 - iv. Unique Arrangement-

b. Outline:

i. God's Judgment for His people (Jeremiah 1-25)

1. Jeremiah's calling (Jeremiah 1)-

2. Israel's Sin, Punishment, and Future Hope (Jeremiah 2-25) -

3. Jeremiah Faces Difficulties with the False Prophets (Jeremiah 26-29)-

4. God's Promise of Restoration (Jeremiah 30-33)-

5. The Fall of Jerusalem (Jeremiah 34-45)-

6. Prophecies Concerning the Foreign Nations (Jeremiah 46-51)-

7. The Aftermath (Jeremiah 52)-

